

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2015

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

Councilmembers present: Jim Ancich, Debbi Moran, Kyle Pauley and Jonathan Fischer

Staff present: Public Works Director Darrin Raines, Fire Chief Schreck, Attorney Steve Hyde and Finance Director Cheryl Turner

A motion was made by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Fischer to excuse Councilmember Sperring. Motion was approved.

Police Chief Stratton was excused by Mayor Chestnut

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Fischer to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Fischer to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from March 18, 2015 regular meeting and claims vouchers #20795 through #20800 and #20830 through #20855 in the amount of \$68,219.83. Motion was approved.

Committee Reports:

Public Works - Councilmember Ancich and Councilmember Pauley met with Public Works Director Darrin Raines about a possible refund to a citizen of unforeseen demolition costs.

Public Safety – Councilmember Fischer told Council that Officer Matt Nelson was resigning from the Police Dept.

Finance Sub-Committee – Councilmember Fischer said Ken Cummings and he had met and he would make formal recommendations at next meeting.

E9-1-1 – Mayor Chestnut said the Administrative Board met to approve payroll and expenses.

Legislative - Mayor Chestnut is watching the legislature as it pertains to Mill Creek Dam. He talked to Representative Blake about when we will see the capital budget. As reported last meeting the Flood Authority was asking for 56 million. The Governor dropped it to 30 million and legislators are trying to kick up the budget to 43 million. We have not seen a capital budget in a few years and we should see one this year. If need be I will be asking for folks to do some legislative lobbying.

City Official Reports:

Finance Director – Finance Director Turner asked for the permission to start the hiring process for a new Police Officer. It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Pauley to start the process of hiring a new Police Officer. Motion was approved.

Fire Chief – Chief Schreck said he had received the certification for 5 of the volunteers that went to Burn to Learn.

Public Works Director – Public Works Director Raines discussed the property on 3rd and H. The gentleman that owns the property got a permit to demolish the house. At the time he was not told he had to get permits from ORCAA concerning asbestos and a contractor to remove the asbestos so it cost him an extra \$1,407. By verbal contract, with the City, he was told that when he rebuilt on the property the City would give him a break on the inspection fees. He now wants to sell the property without building on it and wants the City to refund the \$1,407. Councilmember Ancich was concerned about the refund just because of the change of the owners' plans. He said, if he were going to build on the site that is one thing but for the City to hand over cash is something else. Attorney Hyde asked to table the discussion till the next meeting so he could check the State statute of limitations on verbal contracts.

Public Works Director Raines said the Flood Authority has asked an independent firm, a watershed resource management company, to come in and give a review on the Mill Creek Dam and the

Wishkah Rd. projects. There are some accusations from residents that are questioning the validity of both projects. Those people have talked to legislators and representatives and are trying to get opposition against those projects. HDR prepared an updated Mill Creek Objective Plan. As part of the JARPA requirement the City had to perform an alternatives analysis to show that a new dam is the best option for flood hazard reduction. HDR would like permission to have the Mill Creek Objective Plan put on City's website and sent to Flood Authority to be posted on the Mill Creek Dam project site. It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Ancich to put the plan on the City's website and move it on to the Flood Authority to be posted on the Mill Creek Dam project site.

Mayor's Report:

Chuck Wallace has asked to meet with the Mayor, Public Works Director, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Attorney and Finance Director to talk about delivery of emergency services on the Harbor.

Mayor said there was an incident about the shooting of a dog. Deputy Chief Layman and reserve Officer Jeff Seaman were involved in the shooting. Deputy Chief Layman called in Aberdeen as an independent investigation.

Unfinished Business:

A. Discussion on City purchasing laptops/tablets for Councilmembers

Mayor Chestnut asked Finance Director Turner to contact Jared Loman and find out how backing up e-mails and how to retrieve those e-mails works. This will be back on the agenda for the April 15, 2015 meeting.

New Business:

A. **Authorize Mayor to sign support letter for NeighborWorks®**

Mayor read the letter. It was moved by Councilmember Pauley and seconded by Councilmember Ancich to authorize Mayor to sign the support letter for NeighborWorks®. Motion was approved.

A. **Authorize Mayor to approve the Cosmopolis Fire Dept.'s request to use the fire hall**

Mayor read the letter. It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Pauley to authorize Mayor to approve the use of the fire hall by the Cosmopolis Fire Dept. for the "Wive's Appreciation Night" on May 9, 2015. Motion was approved.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Pauley said a neighbor has put a speed limit sign on the back of a car that reads "Speed Limit 25 slow down." People go to fast on G Street. Mayor Chestnut said he would talk to the Police Chief.

Audience Comments:

Allan Somerville, 1103 Stanford Drive, stated he would like to see the Police more often during soccer.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor